

great usefulness to those who desire an acquaintance with the bird life of New Jersey.— J. A. A.

**G. M. Allen's List of the Birds of New England.**<sup>1</sup>— Volume VII of the 'Occasional Papers' of the Boston Society of Natural History, entitled 'Fauna of New England,' will contain a Catalogue of the animals of New England, of which the present part is devoted to a 'List of the Aves.' These lists, it is stated, are considered by the Committee having the matter in charge to be "a necessary preliminary to a series of comprehensive, illustrated monographs, the publication of which it is hoped the Society will at some later time take upon itself." The preliminary lists are to include: "(1) the accepted name (scientific and vernacular); (2) reference to the original description, with record of locality; (3) reference to an authentic description and illustration; (4) habitat and occurrence."

The present list of birds is constructed on these lines, the references being restricted to the place of original description and to some later work in which, respectively, the species and its eggs have been figured. To this is added the manner of occurrence of the species in each of the New England States, usually condensed into a general statement of one to three lines for each State, without citations of authority, even in the case of species of rare or casual occurrence. Nor is there a bibliography. The nomenclature is that of the A. O. U. Check-List, including the changes of the 14th Supplement published July, 1908.

The list includes 402 species and subspecies, with a supplemental list of 57 'Species Introduced or Erroneously Accredited' to New England. This list includes a considerable number of species, mostly game birds, introduced from the West or from the Old World, with a summary of the results of such introductions, from which it appears that the greater part have been unsuccessful. The 'List of the Aves' is thus a convenient and useful catalogue of the birds of New England, without adding greatly to previously existing knowledge of the subject. The work has been compiled with evident care and accuracy and is thus an entirely trustworthy and up-to-date record. The vernacular names include those of local use as well as the standard Check-List vernacular name. A tabular, separately paged Check-List of 10 pages accompanies the 'List,' in which is shown the distribution of the species by States, and also whether or not they are represented in the Society's collection.— J. A. A.

**Osgood's 'Biological Investigations in Alaska and Yukon Territory.'**<sup>2</sup>— During 1903 Mr. Osgood's work was done "along the middle Yukon River

<sup>1</sup> Occasional Papers of the Boston Society of Natural History, Vol. VII. Fauna of New England. 11. List of the Aves. By Glover M. Allen. Boston: Printed for the Society from the Gurdon Saltonstall Fund. June, 1909. 8vo, pp. 1-230.

<sup>2</sup> Biological Investigations in Alaska and Yukon Territory. I, East Central Alaska. II, The Ogilvie Range, Yukon. III, The Macmillan River, Yukon. By Wiltred H. Osgood, Assistant, Biological Survey. Prepared under the direction of Dr. C. Hart Merriam, Chief of Bureau of Biological Survey. North American Fauna, No. 30, October 7, 1909. Pp. 96, pls. i-vi, and 2 text figures (maps).